

at least 1000 m<sup>2</sup>/g and an Fe content of less than 0.15 wt.%, calculated as Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at a temperature of at least 250 °C,

wherein an activated carbon having an effective pore volume V<sub>eff</sub> of equal to or greater than 0.17 ml/g is used, V<sub>eff</sub> is obtained from pores having a pore diameter in the range of 0.5 to 7 nm.

2. (Amended) Process according to claim 1,

wherein the effective pore volume V<sub>eff</sub> of the activated carbon is calculated from the sum  $V_{\text{eff}} = 0.25V_{\text{micro}} + 0.5V_{\text{meso}}$ , V<sub>micro</sub> represents pores having a diameter of less than 2 nm and V<sub>meso</sub> represents pores having a diameter of 2 to 30 nm.

3. (Amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein

V<sub>eff</sub> of the activated carbon used is at least 0.2 ml/g.

4. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein

the activated carbon has a bulk density of equal to or less than 420 g/l.

5. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein

the activated carbon has a BET surface area of at least 1200 m<sup>2</sup>/g and V<sub>eff</sub> is at least 0.2 ml/g.